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Lodge Mtg: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, all members in good standing are encouraged to attend!
House Committee Mtg: 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm



Exalted Ruler's Message

2015 - 2016



Hi everyone

Well fall is approaching quickly and so are our District Deputy Visitations and other events. October 1st is the visitation for Auburn/Webster, October 6th is Athol/Orange, October 20th is Gardner and the DD Home - coming in Worcester is November 7th. We will then welcome home our District Deputy Paul Turner.

The Elks will be giving out helmets for bicycle safety at the Police & Fire Safety Complex on October 18th Please bring your children for a new & updated helmet. All sizes will be available. Don't forget Pumpkinfest in downtown Turners Falls on October 24th. Our Elk Trailer will be at both of these events handing out drug awareness material. Keep in mind our upcoming events from our Lodge Activities Committee. Watch for posters down at the Lounge. They have a lot of exciting things on the list.

Have a great fall and hope to see a lot of you at these events.

Fraternally,

Judy, ER



VETERANS CORNER



For MA Veteran's Information:

www.mass.gov/veterans

savemassveterans@gmail.com

On October 11th we will be having a "FOOTBALL NIGHT" at the lodge as a fund raiser for the Veterans Committee. The game starts at 4:00 P.M., the Patriots are playing the Dallas Cowboys. We will have free food, raffles and door prizes. Festivities start at three o'clock, please join us for a fun time while helping to support our Veterans.

On October 24th The Veterans Committee will have a booth at the Pumpkinfest again this year, please stop by and visit our booth.

Calling all knitters and crocheters

The Veterans Committee does Christmas bags for the Veterans at Leeds every year and in those bags we have always put handmade knitted winter hats. This year however we have lost our knitter because of family illness. That being said we need people that would be willing to knit or crochet hats, I have the pattern that is used, it is called a sailors watch cap, if anyone is interested in helping out with this please contact a Veterans Committee member.

Next Veterans Bingo at Leeds October 12th

Next Veterans Meeting is October 21st

November 7th annual Veterans Dinner

From the Secretary's Desk

September and October each year is a very special time for our Lodge. For in both of these months a former member of our Lodge can reinstate for only \$1.00 as provided in our By-Laws.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in re-joining Montague Lodge #2521 now is the time to do it.

A reinstatement application must be completed and turned into my office. The \$1.00 reinstatement fee plus only half a year's dues \$28.75 is required. Dues would then be due again on or before April 1, 2016 for next year (\$57.50).

You can pick up an application for Reinstatement at the Lodge or call me and I will mail or e-mail you one.

Fraternally,

Ernest L. Brown
Lodge Secretary

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Lounge News & Events!



October Events:

- ♦ October 1st, Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 and Lodge regular meeting at 7:30
- ♦ October 6th, District Deputy visitation in Athol/Orange, everyone welcome
- ♦ **October 11th, Football Night** fundraiser for the Veterans Committee. Festivities start at 3:00pm and the game starts at 4:00pm with the Patriots playing the Dallas Cowboys. We will have free food, raffles and door prizes. Please join us for a fun time while helping to support our Veterans.
- ♦ October 12th, Veterans bingo at Leeds
- ♦ October 15th, Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 and Lodge regular meeting at 7:30
- ♦ **October 16th, Sock Hop style party with the band Decades featuring Alana Martineau!** This party is in the hall upstairs and open to the public! Put on your poodle skirt, slick back your hair and come dancing to the hits of the 50s & 60s. It's not just the music, it's the Decades experience!
- ♦ October 18th, Safety Day at the police and fire complex, 10am - 3pm
- ♦ October 20th, District Deputy visitation in Gardner, everyone welcome
- ♦ October 21st, Veterans Meeting
- ♦ **October 23rd, Elks Halloween Party** in the lounge with DJ Rodney spinning the tunes from 8:30pm - 12:30pm. Costume contest and much more,
- ♦ October 24th, Pumpkin Fest on Avenue A
- ♦ **October 25th, Kids Halloween party** in the hall upstairs and open to the public 1pm - 3pm. There will be games and prizes, pumpkin painting and so much more! Bring the whole family for a great afternoon of fun!

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The following Members are eligible for Life Membership and will be read at the October 1, 2015 meeting and voted at the October 15, 2015 meeting. The minimum requirements: Age 65, Years as an Elk 30.

Dennis L Booska, Michael F Cadran, Lawrence Fairbrother, Russell J Laramie, John P MacDonald, Donald F Richotte, Richard F Sevene, Timothy J Strahan, James E Tibbetts

It's time to start thinking about the holidays. Our annual children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12 from 1-3pm. Requirements: Child must be 12 years of age or younger. Must be the child, niece, nephew, god-child or grandchild of a member in good standing. Child must be signed up before the cut off date of December 8, 2015. For any questions please see Cheri Rose or Michelle Cloutier, sign up sheets will begin to be available the first week of November.

Do you have a 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader? Would they like to try and win some extra spending money? Well, I have a perfect solution, why not have them enter the Americanism Essay Contest.

Requirements: Essay must be titled and about "What can I do to promote Americanism and Love of Country?" Essay must not contain more than 300 words. Must be legibly written in ink or typed. Must be submitted to Cheri Rose @ the Montague Elks Lodge no later than 12/18/15. Participant must be identified on a cover page by Name, Grade, Age and school they attend

~ Cheri Rose, Leading Knight

November Events:

- ♦ November 7th, Annual Veterans Dinner

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30 Ballroom dancing lessons	1 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm Lodge mtg 7:30pm	2	3
4	5	6 House Committee mtg 6:30pm	7 Ballroom dancing lessons	8	9 Raffles 4 -7pm	10
11 Football Night fundraiser for veterans committee 3pm	12 Veterans Bingo	13	14 Ballroom dancing lessons	15 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm Lodge mtg 7:30pm	16 Raffles 4 -7pm Sock Hop party w/ Decades band, upstairs hall	17
18 Safety Day at the police & fire complex	19	20	21 Veterans Meeting Ballroom dancing lessons	22	23 Raffles 4 -7pm Adult Halloween party in the Lounge w/ DJ Rodney	24
25 Kids Halloween Party, upstairs hall, 1-3pm	26	27	28	29	30	31

Elks National Foundation

This month I would like to inform all of our Members that you can make contributions to the ENF simply by checking the ENF charity box anytime that you make on-line purchases using Amazon. Simply go to smile.amazon.com/ and set up your account by selecting Elks National Foundation as the charity of your choice. Amazon will automatically send 0.5% of your purchase to the ENF. This will not affect the purchase price of the products you buy. It's like getting a bonus of free money donated to the ENF. I realize that 0.5% doesn't seem like a lot, but if anyone who uses Amazon does this the pennies will add up, especially if you, the Members, also pass this information on to family and friends who are not Members of the Lodge. Over time this could amount to a sizable sum. There are many people who shop this way.

On another note; Scholarship Forms are available. If you have any children or grandchildren who are seniors in High School, be sure to contact John O'Riley the Lodge Scholarship Chair for more information on Legacy Scholarships. There are also Most Valuable Student Scholarships available for any students whether or not they are Elk family members. Also the Mass Elks Association offers Scholarships to students who are seniors at a Tech/Vocational School who want to further their education in a technical field. Be sure to take advantage of these. Check with the Scholarship Chair as there are varying deadlines which are strictly enforced.

Thanks,

Steve Dacyczyn, ENF Chairman

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler ENF grants sharpen Lodges' Community Focus

October is Elks National Foundation Month, a time to focus our attention on the "*Great Heart of Elkdom*" and the remarkable services provided by our Order. These services can be funded either directly by the Foundation, through State Associations or through the Lodges via the ENF Community Investments Program.

This year, the Elks National Foundation is celebrating the 10th year of the Community Investments Program, a program specifically developed to support Local Lodges with their Community Service Projects. The program, which was rolled out in July 2005 with a very modest budget of only \$350,000, has met with tremendous success and incredible growth in its brief history. This year, the Foundation Trustees have budgeted \$9,765,590 for the Community Investments Program, an increase of 2,690 percent since its inception!

The Community Investment Grants are offered by the Foundation to help you make a difference in your community with new and continuing programs tailored to meet the specific needs of your community and help you further demonstrate how "*Elks Care – Elks Share.*" As we use our "*Community Focus*" to take full advantage of these grants, we will continue to build even stronger relationships proving that we are a reliable partner for our communities. In addition to the Community Investment Grants, this year there will also be an increased number of Freedom Grants available through the Veterans Services Commission. Please do not leave this essentially "free" money on the table!

For 2015-2016, in addition to the Community Investments Program, the Elks National Foundation has budgeted nearly \$17,000,000 for other program services, including (in round figures): Scholarships (\$4,300,000), State Grants (\$8,720,000), Veterans Service (\$1,485,000), Youth Programs (\$1,740,000), and Memorial Maintenance (\$640,000). A total of \$27 million goes toward the many meaningful programs supported by our great Order.

A strong Elks National Foundation perspective in your Lodge is another means of helping develop an even greater "*Elks Pride*" among your membership. The per capita ENF goal for 2015-2016 is \$4.65 per member, and I ask that each Lodge and every Member renew your commitment to support the Foundation. I have no doubt that you and I can exceed this goal, knowing that the ongoing benefits to be derived from our contributions will far exceed the value of our gifts, proving once again that "*Elks Care – Elks Share.*"

For more information about the Elks National Foundation and the programs it funds, please visit www.elks.org/enf.



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Sickness & Distress

Home

Edmond Demers, Dean Letourneau, Chip Dodge

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Please contact Cheri Rose at 413-824-0121 if you know of any member who is sick or in the hospital.

They will receive a fruit basket from the Lodge.

FACEBOOK:

Become a Friend of "Montague Elks" on Facebook!

We welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Bulletin

Anyone wanting articles or events listed in the bulletin please e-mail your poster or article information to:

kcooke007@gmail.com

By the **10th** of the month to get in the next bulletin.

Montague Elks Lodge #2521 Lounge Hours

Monday - Wednesday	3pm - 11pm
Thursday & Friday	3pm - 1am
Saturday	12pm - 1am
Sunday	12pm - 10pm



Members, please remember to sign your guests in when you bring them down to the lounge. We love seeing and meeting new people, maybe get them to join us by becoming an Elk!

Don't forget if you are having an event, see Michelle Cloutier for a request form to use the hall. It's a great place to host all kinds of parties for the young and not so young!

Use of the hall is only \$150, if you need the kitchen to cook for your crowd that is available for an additional \$150 and we will even provide a bartender for no extra charge. Not a bad deal for such a big space!


There is a required deposit of \$150 which will be returned to you after your event. So please keep us in mind if you need a place for your next event or party!

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